Change in examination pattern

†4135. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from National Council of Educational Research and Training regarding changes in examination pattern at secondary level;

(b) if so, outline of the said proposal and comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would implement such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) National Focus Group on Examination Reform constituted by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had recommended several examination-related reforms including shift in the typology of questions, flexibility of time in answering the questions, introduction of the grading system in place of marks, promoting school based continuous and comprehensive evaluation at all stages of the school education, flexibility in choosing the subjects, abolishing all public examination before class X, making class X Board examination optional for those who want to continue study in the next class in the same school and making examination less stressful and student friendly etc.

(c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has already implemented several reform measures related to examination such as giving extra time to read the question paper, 20% weightage to internal assessment in various subjects, continuous and comprehensive evaluation etc.

Schemes for computer education in Goa

4136. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes for computer education in schools are in force in Goa;

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